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June 14, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

53 June 14, 2016

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT
PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL: STONEVIEW NC TO SCENIC OVERLOOK SEGMENT
CULVER CITY
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT
APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
SPECS. 7388; CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 69784
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will establish the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project, Capital Project No. 69784; approve an appropriation adjustment; authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute a funding agreement; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to provide project management oversight to deliver the final construction documents and bid documents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are not considered a project under Section 15378(b) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines or are, alternatively, exempt under Section 15262 for the reasons stated in this letter and the record of the project.
2. Establish the proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project, Capital Project No. 69784.

3. Approve an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$185,000, offset with revenue available to the Department of Parks and Recreation through the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 for the proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project, Capital Project No. 69784.
4. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to execute a funding agreement with the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, including the submission of payment requests and acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$185,000, for oversight budget costs associated with project management and Building and Safety plan check activities.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to provide project management oversight to deliver the construction and bid documents.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the recommended actions do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); establish the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project, Capital Project No. 69784; and approve an appropriation adjustment to appropriate funds available to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) and allocated to the County of Los Angeles for the proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project.

Project Background

The proposed Park to Playa Trail is a planned 13-mile regional trail that will connect a network of trails, parks, and open spaces from the Baldwin Hills Parklands to the Pacific Ocean.

The eastern portion of the proposed Park to Playa Trail is an approximate 7-mile system of walking, hiking, and bicycle trails running southeasterly through parks and open space areas in the Baldwin Hills (including existing trails in Culver City Park, the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area, and along the Stocker Street Corridor).

The western portion of the Park to Playa Trail consists of the existing Ballona Creek Bike Path in Culver City and the Marvin Braude Bike Path in Playa del Rey. There would be a total of 11 segments, with 2 segments (Marvin Braude Bike Path and

Ballona Creek Bike Path) completed. The 9 other segments would consist of existing and proposed trails that pass through the northern section of the Baldwin Hills and surrounding areas.

The proposed trail alignment generally follows existing trails in public parks and open spaces with a few segments representing new trails that will connect existing trails or close gaps in the trail system. Other trail segments are in the process of being delivered by a combination of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. This critical trail segment, the proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project, will be delivered by Public Works.

The Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) was established by the County and the Santa Monica Conservancy for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to acquire, expand, and improve open space, natural habitat, recreational opportunities for the communities within the Baldwin Hills, and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District. On June 2, 2016, the Governing Board of BHRCA adopted a resolution that authorized the execution of a funding agreement with the County to undertake oversight, management, and related activities associated with the construction documents and bid documents of the Stoneview Nature Center to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook project in the amount not to exceed \$185,000.

Proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment Project

This segment of the proposed Park to Playa Trail would connect the Stoneview Nature Center to the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. The proposed project would include new decomposed granite trails, new retaining walls at sloped hillsides, new bench cuts at sloped hillsides, ramps, new concrete stairs and railings at steep portions of the trail, new fencing, and new landscaping along the entire trail. A gate would be installed at the connection to the Stoneview Nature Center that would lock between dusk to dawn, effectively closing the trail in this area during those hours.

The proposed Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment project will be completed using the design-bid-build project delivery method. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) currently has a consultant preparing construction documents for this project through an MRCA-approved contract. Public Works would provide project management oversight of this consultant to deliver the final construction documents and bid documents.

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Upon completion of the appropriate CEQA document by BHRCA, the lead agency for the proposed project, and completion of the construction documents and jurisdictional approvals, we will return to the Board to recommend approval of the project; approve the project budget, including all construction costs; and adopt plans, advertise for bids, and seek delegated authority to award the contract to the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance with the State Public Contract Code.

Green Building/Sustainable Design Program

The proposed project will support the Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design Program by incorporating into the project designs and construction, sustainable features to optimize energy and water use, enhance the sustainability of the site, and maximize the use and reuse of sustainable and local resources.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended action supports the Strategic Plan by investing in master planning efforts for public infrastructure improvements that will enhance recreational opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total proposed project cost for preconstruction activities is \$185,000, which includes Building and Safety plan check and County services. The proposed activity is funded with \$185,000 of Proposition A funding available to Parks and Recreation through BHRCA. Other costs for design and environmental services are being provided through an MRCA-approved contract.

Approval of the recommended action to authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to execute a funding agreement with BHRCA on behalf of the County will allow the County to accept grant funds in the amount of \$185,000 for oversight costs associated with the proposed construction and management.

Approval of the attached appropriation adjustment will appropriate \$185,000 from Proposition A funds available to Parks and Recreation through BHRCA in the Capital Projects/Refurbishments budget, Capital Project No. 69784. There is no impact to net County cost.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the proposed project description, Parks and Recreation anticipates one-time and ongoing costs to operate and maintain the completed project, if approved. Parks and Recreation will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of services and available funding, and request the one-time and ongoing funds in Parks and Recreation's future new facilities request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed project is a County project and subject to County planning requirements. BHRCA has indicated as part of the initial study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration that although the project is a County project, the proposed project also conforms with the City of Culver City General Plan, specifically the 2000 General Plan Land Use Element and the 1996 Open Space Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions, establishing the projects, approving appropriation adjustments, and executing funding agreements do not constitute a project under CEQA because they consist of activities that are exempt from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

The recommended actions are alternatively and additionally exempt from CEQA because they involve feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that are not approved or adopted by the Board and do not involve approval of a plan legally binding on future activities pursuant to Section 15262 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

No activity, which would constitute a project under CEQA, will be commenced unless the Board takes further action to consider and act upon environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA and approves a project.

The revised Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, being prepared by BHRCA as the lead agency under CEQA, will be provided when we return to the Board to request authority to adopt, advertise, and award the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic

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Overlook Segment project. The Board retains its discretion to approve, modify, or disapprove the proposed project based upon CEQA or any other grounds.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

MRCA currently has a consultant preparing construction documents for this project through an MRCA-approved contract. Public Works will provide project management oversight of this consultant to deliver the project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended service.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,

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GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosure

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Chief Executive Office (Capital Programs Division)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW)

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

DEPT'S.
NO. 600

June 14, 2016

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

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SOURCES

PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL: STONVIEW NC TO SCENIC SEGMENT
A01-CP-94-9923-65043-69784
REV: OTHER GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS / CP \$185,000
INCREASE REVENUE

USES

PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL: STONVIEW NC TO SCENIC SEGMENT
A01-CP-6014-65043-69784
CAPITAL ASSETS-BUILDINGS AND IMPROVE. \$185,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 185,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 185,000

JUSTIFICATION

The appropriation adjustment of \$185,000 from Safe Neighborhoods Park Proposition also known as Proposition A of 1996 available to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority is necessary to fully fund the proposed Park to Playa Trail Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment Project, Capital Project Number 69784.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE ROBERT MAYCUMBER, ADMN DEPUTY DIRECTOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

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Lori Glasgow
LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR --☐ ACTION☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY *Jake Awana*

B.A. NO. 201

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☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY *Chia-Analy*

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BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

June 2, 2016 - Agenda Item IX

Resolution No. 2016-5

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
FOR OVERSIGHT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARK TO PLAYA TRAIL: STONEVIEW
NATURE CENTER TO SCENIC OVERLOOK SEGMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$185,000**

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) was established by the County of Los Angeles (County) and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for the purpose of providing a comprehensive program to acquire, expand, and improve open space, natural habitat, and recreational opportunities within the Baldwin Hills and other natural and recreational areas within the Second Supervisorial District;

WHEREAS, BHRCA has the power to authorize and fund construction, management, and maintenance of recreational and park facilities within the Baldwin Hills;

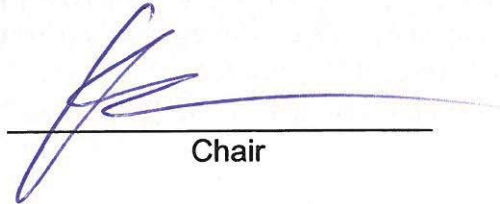
WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has expertise in managing parks and trails projects and will work closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to complete the construction of the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview Nature Center to Scenic Overlook Segment (Project);

WHEREAS, staff recommends proceeding with the construction of the Project, which creates a critical link between the Stoneview Nature Center and the Scenic Overlook located within the community of Blair Hills, providing safe and direct non-vehicular access between the various amenities in the Baldwin Hills Park lands and provides new recreational opportunities for the surrounding communities and the residents of the County at large;

WHEREAS, the construction of the Project will improve community involvement and engagement within the Baldwin Hills; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Chairperson of the Governing Board of BHRCA be authorized to enter into a funding agreement (in form approved by Counsel) with DPR to undertake oversight, management, plan check, and contract administration of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$185,000, subject to the Project being performed by Los Angeles County (County) employees or by contractors retained by County in compliance with standard County contracting requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of BHRCA hereby authorizes its Chairperson to execute, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, a funding agreement with DPR to undertake the oversight, management, plan check, and contract administration activities associated with the Park to Playa Trail: Stoneview NC to Scenic Overlook Segment, in an amount not to exceed \$185,000, subject to the project being performed by County employees or by contractors retained by County in compliance with standard County contracting requirements.


Chair

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 2nd day of June, 2016.


Executive Officer